



East Norriton PCE Site Assessment Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

– Uses for Supplied Bottled Water –



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY - REGION 3

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Bottled Water Supplies...

As part of an immediate response to address contamination found in residential wells, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is distributing bottled water free of charge to residents with potentially affected drinking wells in the Rahway Avenue area of East Norriton. Perchloroethylene (PCE) is the contaminant of concern. PCE is also called tetrachloroethylene, and sometimes nicknamed “perc.”

Protecting public health is our first priority. If you live in the Rahway Avenue area and have a private well as your drinking water source that’s been found to have more than 5 parts per billion (ppb) of PCE, it is recommended that you drink bottled water until a permanent solution to the contamination is found.

Getting Your Well Water Tested...

EPA will not be able to continue supplying bottled water to residents who have not had their well water tested. If you have a private well and it has not been tested yet, please contact **Tim Cherry, PADEP Project Manager, at (484) 250-5728**, to schedule an appointment to have it tested for contamination.

Boiling vs. Bottled?

Boiling the water is not recommended as a way to clean the well water for drinking. At this time, we recommend using bottled water to drink. Bottled water assures no exposure to well contamination, while boiling the well water may or may not make it safe to drink.

Water Uses...

EPA is supplying bottled water for residents to drink. Residential well water can still be used for most household purposes.

Well Water can be used for:

- house cleaning
- laundry
- showers, baths and brushing teeth
- dish washing
- food rinsing
- cooking

Bottled Water should be used for:

- drinking (doctors recommend drinking 2 liters of water a day as part of a healthy, balanced diet. For this daily intake, use the bottled water.)
- infant formula, iced tea, powdered drinks and juices

For More Information

Local, state and federal agencies are working together. Steps are being taken to find out what caused the contamination and find a permanent solution to the problem, after first taking measures to protect public health. We will continue to update the community as work progresses. If you have additional questions about this project, please contact one of the agency representatives listed on the back.

For More Information, Contact...

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